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1. LAOS/VIETNAM

IN CEREMONY ENDING 6-DAY VISIT BY CODEL MONTGOMERY TO VN/
LAOS, REMAINS OF 11 MIAS TURNED OVER AT SUNSET SATURDAY
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AT HANOI AIRPORT. HONOR GUARD OF 4 US MIL SERVICES
CARRIED REMAINS ONTO AF PLANE WHILE OTHER AMERICANS PRESENT
SALUTED. SIMILAR CEREMONY HELD EARLIER IN DAY IN VIETIANE
WHERE OFFICIALS TURNED OVER REMAINS OF 4 AMERICAN FLIERS,
1ST TO BE RETURNED BY LAOS. TWO PLANES CARRYING REMAINS/
CODEL/NEWSMEN FLEW FROM HANOI TO CLARK EN ROUTE TO HAWAII
WHERE REMAINS WILL BE EXAMINED FOR POSITIVE ID.

REP MONTGOMERY (D-MISS), TOLD NEWSMEN THAT VIETS SAID THEY
WILL CONTINUE SEARCH FOR MORE REMAINS/WILL PASS ON INFO.

WHILE LAOTIANS DID NOT PROMISE TO CONTINUE SEARCHING, MONTGOMERY SAID BODIES OF MORE THAN 400 OTHER MIAS IN LAOS WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE FOUND (AP, SUN/UPI, WSTAR--BOTH HANOI 8/27; AP, WSTAR 8/25; AP, SUN; UPI, WP; WSTAR--ALL VIENTIANE 8/26; WP CLARK FIELD 8/27; JOC).

FROM CLARK FIELD, REUTER (WP/PHINQ) REPORTS CODEL SAID WILL RECOMMEND THAT NEGOTS TO NORMALIZE RELS W/VN BE RESUMED, SINCE VIETS APPEARED TO WANT RELS BADLY/HAD DROPPED DEMANDS FOR WAR REPARATIONS. CODEL REITERATED MESSAGE UPON ARRIVAL HICKAM AF BASE, ADDING VIETS SAID US FIRMS WOULD HAVE CHANCE BE PART OF OIL DEVEL IN VN IF RELS NORMALIZED, THAT THEY WOULD WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY TO REUNITE FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND BY US SERVICEMEN AT END OF WAR (SUN HONOLULU).

2. VIETNAM/CHINA

MORE THAN 2,000 ETHNIC CHINESE STRANDED AT "FRIENDSHIP PASS" BATTLED VIET SECURITY PERSONNEL FRI W/KNIVES/STICKS/ROCKS. SEVEN REPORTED KILLED--1ST IN RECENT BATTLE OF WORDS BETWN SRV/PRC--AND SCORES MORE INJURED ON BOTH SIDES. HOURS AFTER "BLOODIEST CLASH" INVOLVING SRV/PRC, CHINESE DEP FONMIN SUMMONED VIET AMB TO PEKING/PROTESTED UNCLASSIFIED

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"PROVOCATIVE INCIDENT." OFFICIAL PROTEST TO CHINESE EMB IN HANOI CALLED INCIDENT "RUTHLESS ACTION"/PART OF "PRE-ARRANGED CHINESE PLAN" (UPI, WSTAR; AP, WP/SUN--ALL BANG-KOK 8/26; AP, SUN 8/28).

WP'S MATHEWS (HK 8/27) REPORTS PRC CHARGED SATURDAY THAT MORE THAN 200 VIET TROOPS OCCUPIED RIDGE IN CHINESE TERRITORY AFTER ATTACKING BORDER GUARDS IN FRI SKIRMISH. CITES ACCUSATIONS BOTH SIDES MAKING AGAINST OTHER/TRACES HISTORY OF PROBLEM.

CSM'S KULKARNI (HK) SAYS FAVORITE STRATEGY OF TWO IS KEEPING UP ARMED PRESSURE WHILE NEGOTIATING. NOTES BOTH SIDES HAVE "TOTALLY DIVERGENT VERSIONS" OF MOST RECENT CLASH/ DIPLO OBSERVERS FEAR DISPUTE MAY ESCALATE FURTHER, THAT PRC UNLIKELY RELIEVE PRESSURE ON VIET BORDER SO LONG AS ITS ALLIES IN KAMPUCHEA THREATENED BY VIET FORCES/ANTI-GOVT GUERRILLAS.

3. CHINA

USDA ANNOUNCED 8/25 THAT PRC HAS BOUGHT ADDITIONAL 500,000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT FROM US, RAISING ITS PURCHASES SO FAR THIS YR TO 2.5 MIL METRIC TONS (AP, SUN 8/26; JOC).

HUA/TITL CONFERRED ON WORLD'S TROUBLE SPOTS 8/27 FOR 3 HRS AT BRIONI RETREAT. HUA REPORTEDLY REITERATED PRC SUPPORT

FOR NONALIGNED MOVEMENT/PRAISED YUGOSLAV ROLE IN INTL POLITICS/EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT 2 COUNTRIES' RELS EXPANDING IN SEVERAL AREAS. HUA DEPARTED 8/28 FOR 2-DAY STAY IN IRAN (REUTER, SUN; AP, WSTAR 8/26--BOTH DATELINED PULA).

"PRAVDA" (8/27) CHARGED HUA W/USING EUR TRIP FOR "ROUGH ATTACKS AGAINST OUR COUNTRY AND ITS POLICY"/ADVISED "VIGILANCE" OVER PEKING'S ACTIONS IN INTL ARENA/SAID HUA'S UNCLASSIFIED

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TRIP SHOWS AGAIN THAT POLICY OF CURRENT PRC LEADERSHIP IS HOSTILE TO CAUSE OF SOCIALISM, TO NONALIGNMENT CAUSE AND TO "INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLES" (AP, SUN, WSJ). JOC REPORTS SOVIET POLITBURO (8/26) CONDEMNED PRC AS "THREAT TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE."

"TANJUG" (8/27) HIT BACK AT SOVIET CRITICISM OF ITS PRESS COVERAGE OF HUA VISIT, DECLARED YUGOSLAVIA WAS NOT GOING BECOME INVOLVED IN SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE (REUTER, SUN 8/26). YUGOSLAV DAILY "BORBA" CRITICIZED MOSCOW'S CHARGES THAT YUGOSLAVIA/ROMANIA WERE HELPING PEKING BY GIVING HUA PLATFORM FOR ANTI-SOVIET ATTACKS (REUTER SUN).

AP'S SNIFFEN REPORTS 18 MEMBERS OF DEMO NATL CMTE, OVER STRENUOUS OBJECTIONS OF PARTY CHRMN WHITE, ARE ON 19-DAY TOUR OF ROC. ACCORDING ROC NYC INFO OFFICE, TRIP BEING SPONSORED/PAID FOR BY "SINO-AMERICAN CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC ASSN" (WP, WSTAR 8/27).

4. JAPAN

DEL OF SENIOR US SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS WILL VISIT TOKYO 9/4-5 FOR TALKS AIMED AT POOLING US-JAPANESE FINANCIAL/INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE ENERGY TECH (AP, SUN 8/27).

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY AGENCY REPORTED FRI IT PLANS BUILD 2ND URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY TO BOOST JAPAN'S FUEL SUPPLY CAPACITY FOR ITS NUKE ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS (UPI, JOC).

5. KOREA

SK OFFICIALS SAID THURS THAT UNLESS ROKG AGREES TO QUOTA UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGEMENT, US WILL PLACE UNILATERAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON KORAN TV SETS; SAID US SPECIAL TRADE NEGOTIATOR LANDE, WHO LEFT 8/23 AFTER 2-DAY STAY, HAD NOTIFIED SEOUL OF US' INTENDED ACTION (AP, CHITRIB 8/25).

HANCHO KIM WAS FINED 10,000 DOLS THURS AFTER PLEADING GUILTY, "REGARDLESS OF MY INNOCENCE," TO TAX EVASION CHARGE STEMMING FROM KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING PROBE (AP WP, CHITRIB, PHINQ; WSJ).

6. KAMPUCHEA

SEN MCGOVERN (D-SD) CALLED FRI FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION BY WORLD'S NATIONS TO "HALT THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS" IN KAMPUCHEA. IN SENATE SPEECH, SAID "MASS MURDER" IN KAMPUCHEA CRIES OUT FOR CAREFULLY CONCEIVED RESPONSE FROM INTL COMMUNITY/CALLED ON US PURSUE MATTER IN UNSC.

WHILE SUGGESTION FOR MIL INTERVENTION GREETED W/SURPRISE/ ANGER/QUESTIONING, WP'S OBERDORFER (8/25) SAYS MCGOVERN EXPLAINED HIS ACTION IN INTERVIEW AS SOMETHING BUILDING IN HIM FOR WKS/"NOT OUT OF THE BLUE." SEN EXPLAINED THAT PART OF HIS OBJECTIVE WAS CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING, PART SHOCK TECHNIQUE. QUOTES MCGOVERN THAT HE HAS "NO ILLUSIONS" ABOUT CREATION OF MIL FORCE TO INTERVENE IN KAMPUCHEA, SINCE CHINA WOULD VETO SUCH PLAN. SEN SAID HE HOPES FOR TOTAL EMBARGO/INTL APPEAL TO PRC TO USE ITS INFLUENCE THERE (ALSO REUTER 8/25; WSTAR 8/26).

7. BURMA

ALL 14 ABOARD GUB STATE-RUN AIRLINE FLIGHT KILLED IN CRASH IN S BURMA (REUTER RANGOON, SUN 8/27).

8. BURMA/THAILAND

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ACCORDING JOC'S LORENZ (THREE PAGODA PASS), RELS BETWN BURMA/THAILAND HAVE BEGUN TO IMPROVE UNDER INITIATIVE OF THAI PM KRIANGSAK. IN 1ST OF 2 ARTICLES, SAYS LEGITIMIZED TRADE BETWN 2 COUNTRIES MAY SOON BRING CHANGES TO "NO MAN'S LAND" FRONTIER AREA. NOTES LARGE THAI TRADE MISSION VISITED RANGOON IN AUG TO FOLLOW UP JULY TRADE DISCUSSIONS IN BANGKOK. SAYS THERE IS TALK OF EST TRADE CENTER NEAR PASS BY GUB WHICH MAY RESULT IN MON/KAREN INSURGENT BRIGADES, WHICH CONTROL ILLEGAL BUT VITAL COMMERCE IN THIS AREA, FIGHTING TO PROTECT THEIR TAX REVENUES. SAYS WHILE MON PEOPLE CONTINUE FILTER THRU JUNGLE SEEKING REFUGE FROM GUB IN THAILAND, NEW ECON COOP BETWN RANGOON/BANGKOK COULD SQUEEZE MONS OUT OF THEIR LIVELIHOOD.

9. THAILAND/JAPAN

FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BETWN TWO COUNTRIES, JAPAN TO BUY UP TO 1.2 MIL TONS THAI MAIZE DURING '78-'79 SEASON W/THAI

SHIPS CARRYING UP TO 1/3 OF SHIPMENTS (JOC SPEC BANGKOK).

10. PHILIPPINES

IMELDA MARCOS DESCRIBES RECENT MTG IN WASHINGTON W/15 CONGRESSMEN AS "HOURS OF INQUISITION" W/MANY THROWING QUESTIONS AT HER AT SAME TIME. SAID LEGISLATORS ARRIVED W/PILE OF NEWS CLIPPINGS BASED ON PRONOUNCEMENTS OF NEW SOCIETY'S CRITICS, WRITTEN BY FASHIONABLE LEFT WHO ARE "OVERNIGHT EXPERTS" ON PHILS (WP MANILA 8/27).

11. SINGAPORE

JOC'S LORENZ (SINGAPORE) SEES GOS LOOKING TO NEIGHBORS FOR JOINT VENTURES IN WHICH CHEAP LABOR CAN BE MATCHED W/ UNCLASSIFIED

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SINGAPORE'S GROWING TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTISE. IN ADDITION TO ASEAN NATIONS, SAYS GOS LOOKING TO SRI LANKA, BANGLADESH, PAPUA-NEW GUINEA WHERE LABOR CHEAPER THAN IN ASEAN COUNTRIES. SAYS COUNTRY WILL IMPORT LABOR FROM SRI LANKA TO REPLACE MALAYSIANS RETURNING TO NEW JOBS IN JOHORE BAHRU.

12. AUSTRALIA

GOA WILL POSTPONE ESTABLISHMENT 200-MI FISHERY ZONE TO JAN, ACCORDING JAPANESE GOVT OFFICIAL (UPI TOKYO, JOC).

DEVELOPERS OF RANGER URANIUM DEPOSIT IN AUSSIE N TERRITORY EXPECTED BEGIN MAKING FIRM FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE W/ABORIGINAL GROUPS ON MINING ROYALTY PAYMENTS. TWO GROUPS EXPECTED RATIFY AGREEMENT 9/8, GIVING ABORIGINIES ROYALTY PAYMENTS OF 4 1/2 PCT (WSJ SPEC SYDNEY).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. KAMPUCHEA

WP EDIT (8/27) CALLS RESPONSE TO MCGOVERN'S SUGGESTION FOR INTL RESCUE MISSION IN KAMPUCHEA AS "UNGENEROUS AND VINDICTIVE AS IT WAS PREDICTABLE." SAYS SOME ARGUE HE HAS FORFEITED RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT WHAT GOES ON IN INDOCHINA BECAUSE HE IS LIBERAL. CRITICIZES WSJ FOR ITS ATTACK ON MCGOVERN, CONTENTS IF YOU SHUT UP EVERYBODY WHO HAD HAND IN INDOCHINA ORDEAL, AS JOURNAL SUGGESTS, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE STOP W/LIBERALS, BUT WILL HAVE TO DISQUALIFY JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY IN PUBLIC LIFE AT THAT TIME/MANY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN US FONPOL NOW. CALLS SUCH SUGGESTION "INCITEMENT TO AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE TO A GENUINELY HORRIBLE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION."

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CSM REPRINT FROM BGLOBE POINTS OUT DISCOMFORTING KNACK MCGOVERN HAS OF RAISING TOUGH QUESTIONS. SUGGESTS PERHAPS CHINA CAN BRING INCREASED PRESSURE TO BEAR ON KAMPUCHEA.

PHINQ EDIT QUOTES EA'S OAKLEY, TESTIFYING BEFORE SENATE FON RELS CMTE, THAT "USG IS CONFIDENT THAT SCORES, PROBABLY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, HAVE BEEN KILLED" IN KAMPUCHEA SINCE '75. AFTER THAT, SAYS OAKLEY DEPARTS FROM MCGOVERN'S POSITION, SAYING USG HAS LEARNED LOT ABOUT LEVEL OF APPROPRIATE INVOLVEMENT IN SEASIA, THAT OUTSIDE MIL INTERVENTION NOT BEING CONSIDERED BY USG.

PHINQ SAYS MCGOVERN, HOWEVER, CONTENTS SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA LOT DIFFERENT FROM CIRCUMSTANCES IN INDOCHINA WHEN US BECAME INVOLVED THERE. WHILE AGREEING IN PART W/ MCGOVERN, PHINQ SAYS SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA DOES HAVE "DISTURBING KINSHIP" W/THAT WHICH BROUGHT US INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA/US CANNOT SANELY TAKE ON TASK OF POLICING IT.

14. CHINA

IN LTR TO WP, DIR US TIBET CMTE, INDIA TRINLEY, DRAWS COMPARISON W/MCGOVERN'S PROPOSAL/SITUATION IN TIBET 18 YRS AGO WHEN CHINESE "COMMITTING GENOCIDE ON PEOPLE OF TIBET." SURVIVORS, SHE WRITES, WHO HAVE BECOME AMCITS, CANNOT LIST THEIR PLACE OF BIRTH AS TIBET ON PPTS/DALAI LAMA CANNOT VISIT COUNTRY. ASKS WHY LEGISLATORS DON'T ACT ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS OF PAST GENOCIDE.

SUN EDIT (8/27) CITES "PHENOMENON"/"STRANGEST CONVERGENCE OF HERETOFORE MUTUAL REPELLENT PARTICLES" HAS OCCURRED AT TOKYO INTL HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS CONF WHERE SCIENTISTS FROM PRC/ROC SHOWED--W/ARRIVAL OF NEITHER OCCASIONING DEPARTURE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF OTHER. SUSPECTS THIS NOT RANDOM ACCIDENT, BUT NEW BEHAVIOR PATTERN--PEKING CRAVES OUTSIDE KNOWLEDGE/ROC NO LONGER HOPES WIN ON DOCTRINE OF EXCLUSIVITY/WISHES AVOID BEING ITS VICTIM--WHICH IS "TERRIBLY HEARTENING" FOR POSSIBILITY OF NORMALIZED SINO-US RELS W/O SACRIFICE OF US OBLIGATIONS TO TAIPEI.

LAT'S MATHEWS (HK 8/25) SEES APPEARANCE OF PRC/ROC AT TOKYO SCIENTIFIC MTG PERHAPS SIGNALING LESSENING OF HOSTILITY BETWN THEM. OBSERVES THAT TAIWAN MAY HAVE HAD PRACTICAL REASONS OF ITS OWN FOR STAYING IN CONF DESPITE PRC PRESENCE-- AS MORE COUNTRIES SWITCH EMBASSIES TO PEKING AND TAIWAN'S

CONTACTS W/REST OF WORLD SHRINK, ROC CANNOT AFFORD SEVER TIES
TO ANY INTL ORG. SAYS THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT PEKING
HAS ADOPTED MORE CONCILIATORY POSTURE TOWARD TAIPEI IN PAST
MONTH; AND TAIWAN HAS ALSO SEEMED SLIGHTLY MORE TOLERANT

LATELY OF COMMUNIST REGIME. CHRISTOPHER

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